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SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 519
By Jackson

A RESOLUTION to recognize and honor Scott Brooks and Ashley Brooks for their laudable service to the young people of Dickson.

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who through their extraordinary efforts have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, Scott Brooks and his daughter, Ashley Brooks, a sophomore at Dickson County High School, are two such remarkable citizens who evince the utmost determination and enthusiasm in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, Scott and Ashley Brooks, with the help of family and friends, established Dickson County Youth (DCY), a non-profit and non-denominational organization that encourages teens to develop life skills and positive values that will lead them on a path to a secure and productive adulthood; and

WHEREAS, since the conception of DCY three months ago, the organization's Friday night attendance has grown from seven to thirty-one participants; and

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WHEREAS, Scott and Ashley Brook's desire to make a positive difference in their community began two years ago when Ashley discovered that some of her Charlotte Middle School classmates could not afford to participate in a school-sponsored trip to Washington D.C.; troubled by the news, she discussed the problem with her father as well as possible ways for the Brooks family to give back to their community; and

WHEREAS, Dickson County Youth members assemble every Friday in Scott Brooks's basement from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. with a no drugs, alcohol, and tobacco policy in effect the weekly gathering provides a safe meeting place for high school students in the Dickson area to learn and play; and

WHEREAS, past evening activities have included a variety of guest speakers, as well as valuable instructions on how to fill out a job application and prepare for an interview with a prospective employer; and

WHEREAS, this past Christmas season, members of Dickson County Youth, with the funds earned from two bake sales, delivered cards and candy to patients at the Dickson County Nursing Home, and also purchased Christmas presents for the children of two area families in need; and

WHEREAS, working from Scott Brooks's collection of newspapers, the members of Dickson County Youth are currently constructing a mural of all the events that occurred in 2001; when the project is completed, they plan on framing and presenting the mural to the Dickson County High School; and

WHEREAS, Scott and Ashley Brooks are wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State"; and

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly recognize the promise of the Dickson County Youth organization and the positive impact it will continue to have on the health and well-being of the young people of the Dickson community; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we hereby recognize and honor Scott Brooks and Ashley Brooks for their meritorious public service, commend their establishment and support of the Dickson County Youth, salute their commitment to each other and their family, and express our heartfelt thanks for the exceptional service they provide to the young people of the Dickson area.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.